

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, October 10, 2011
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Porter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant, Council President Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, City Treasurer, Vincent Jones, City Administrator, Johnny Thompson, Director of Public Works

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Stephenson

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

1.1.5. Reading/Approval of Public Session, Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes:

- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for Monday, July 5, 2011. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Public Session minutes for Monday, July 11, 2011. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the Work Session minutes for Monday, August 1, 2011. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, August 8, 2011. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. None

3. LEGISLATION

- 3.1 Ordinance O-12-02 Chapter 141-Street Vending 2nd Reading
Motion – Simms/Seconded - Yeargin seconded. Unanimous
- 3.2. Ordinance O-12-05 Chapter 160-Yard Sale 2nd Reading
Motion – Simms/Seconded – Stephenson Unanimous
- 3.3. Ordinance O-12-07 Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 2nd Reading
Moved – Stephenson/Seconded – Yeargin Unanimous
- 3.4. Emergency Ordinance O-12-08 Chapter 150-Vehicles & Traffic
Motion – Simms/ Seconded Yeargin Unanimous

4. REPORTS

4.1. Mayor's Report:

No Report

4.2. Former Council President Latasha Gatling submitted a written report

4.3 Kevin Brenner, Chief-Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department

- October fire safety/prevention month
- Focus on home evacuation plan, purchase or check smoke alarms.
- Some alarms available at the fire station
- Legislation out on removing the control of volunteers to operate their own stations. County bill 45 and 60 need opposition by all.
- Working to fight the county to move SPVFD out of the city.

4.2. City Administrator – Vincent E. Jones

- Personnel Handbook revision almost ready for approval
- Door hangers now being used by Code Enforcer to better inform citizens of bulk trash and violations. Yeargin asked that hanger include “do not place trash receptacles beyond the line of your property before the night before trash pickup day”.

4.3. Code Enforcement –Tiara Andrews, Code Enforcer

- Councilmember Yeargin stated that if the Code Enforcer is not going to be present for the meetings she should be taken off the agenda

4.4. Finance Department- Robert Ashton, Treasurer

- Tax Differential- He will be placing another article in the next newsletter on the
- Homesteading Exemption Tax Credit Correction: This is something you apply for “one time” not every year.

4.6. Police Department – Samuel Prue, Chief of Police

- No report

4.8. Public Works Department- Johnny Thompson, Director of Public Works

- Ask citizens to turn their lawn mowers bags inward toward their properties to avoid undoing leaf sweeping efforts.
- The city public works department will be assisting Bates Trash in leaf collection. Asking that citizens bag as much of their leaves as they can. Mayor asked for this to go in newsletter
- Reported pipeline break at Eads and Addison. The WSSC gate valve is very old and WSSC will be replacing it in about a week. Mayor Grant wants this in the newsletter
- Stephenson ask that info on when street sweeping schedule be placed in the newsletter.
- Yeargin that a letter needs to be generated to WSSC regarding making sure they clean up after they perform work in the City.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

1. Christine Samuel – 6914 G St. Seat Pleasant, MD 20743, Ward II
Reported the house that the tree fell on during the hurricane is supposed to be vacant. However, there are persons in there. Reported that a large fire was burning in the back of this property on three separate occasions. She called the non-emergency number each time and did not receive a response for over 2 hours. Code Enforcement needs to check into this. Doors and windows are left open. Chief Brenner said to call emergency number instead of non-emergency. That would be considered illegal burning 1st strike citation, 2nd strike prosecution.
2. House behind hers has excessive weeds that grow on her property. No violation notices have been given to this residence.

Cathy Hutton – 605 64th Ave., Seat Pleasant, MD

1. Sewage at 64th and 63rd St. continue to get clogged. Mayor wants the following activity performed by the Public Works Department: To give him and the City Administrator the number of drains in each ward and the schedule of when they all will be cleaned. Mr. Thompson stated that the County is responsible for cleaning the drains and the City is responsible for keeping the drains clear of debris.
2. Reported that after gas line was repaired on her street water began to leak in front of her house and she has reported this back in February at the Public Session and had received a letter confirming that. Her husband will be going home to look for the letter.

Elmer Mimms 7227 G St., Seat Pleasant, MD

1. Stated everything that he asked for several things to be done and all of them have been completed. Gave a word of thanks to the council and other responsible persons.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

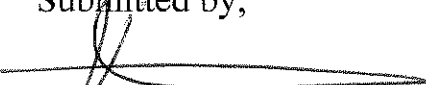
7.1. None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. Special Session, Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6:00p.m., Council Chambers
- 8.2. Movie Night, Seat Pleasant Activity Center-5720 Addison Rd, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743, Friday, October 21, 2011 at 7:00p.m.
- 8.3. Veteran's Day Program, Seat Pleasant Activity Center-5720 Addison Rd, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743, Friday, November 11, 2011 at 10:00a.m.

9. ADJOURN- Councilmember Yeargin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Raynor seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Submitted by,


Kyrthlyn J. Rhoda
Administrative Assistant
(Sitting in for City Clerk)